(*b*) whether they are aware that taxi owners do demand different and exorbitant rates of mileage and waiting charges from the public for travelling in taxi ;

(*c*) whether they are aware that the public are put to much inconvenience and loss because mileage and waiting charges are demanded at exorbitant rates ; and

(*d*) whether it is a fact that in Mysore, Madras and other places Government have fixed such rates and the same exhibited on boards in all taxis to prevent any mischief ?

Mr. S. Parthasarathi Aiyangar : (*a*) No. This subject is under consideration.

(*b*) No.

(*c*) No.

(*d*) Government have no information.

Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar : May I know from the honourable member, with regard to part (a) , how long since the matter is under consideration ?

Mr. S. Parthasarathi Aiyangar : For the past three months.

Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar : May I know whether he has visited Madras or Bangalore last April ?

Mr. S. Parthasarathi Aiyangar : Yes.

Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar : May I know whether he had any occasion to see that the specific rates, mileage, etc., are exhibited on boards in all taxis and that the public are paying only according to those rates ?

Mr. S. Parthasarathi Aiyangar : Yes. Subsequently I sent the Traffic Inspector. He has brought a report on the matter and it is under consideration.

Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar : May I know whether early orders will be passed to see that the situation is eased ?

Mr. S. Parthasarathi Aiyangar : Yes.

All Kerala Christian Conference.

170. * **Mr. A. N. Satyanesan :** Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether the report published in the Keralabhooshanam of the proceedings of the recent All Kerala Christian Conference has come under their notice ;

(*b*) whether they are satisfied about the veracity of the statement in the report that a lakh of people were present at the Conference ; and

(*c*) the steps they are taking to prevent reports that tend to spread misunderstanding among the people ?

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Mr. S. Parthasarathi Aiyangar : (*a*) Yes;

(*b*) No;

(*c*) Administering appropriate warning when necessary.

Processions

171. ***Mr. Paul A. Thaliath :** Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether previous sanction of the District Magistrate of each Division is necessary to conduct processions ;

(*b*) if the answer to part (*a*) is in the affirmative, whether such sanction is necessary to conduct religious processions ; and

(*c*) whether receptions given to religious heads are also included in the category of processions ?

Mr. S. Parthasarathi Aiyangar : (*a*) Yes ; according to Government Notification R. O. C. No. 2046/45/C. S., dated 10th June 1946, which is now in force.

(*b*) Yes ; since processions include religious processions also.

(*c*) A mere reception unaccompanied by a procession before or after it will not come under the category of processions.

Mr. Paul A. Thaliath : May I know whether any orders have been passed to release them ?

Mr. S. Parthasarathi Aiyangar : Yes.

Mr. N. Narayana Kurup : May I know whether any religious procession had been banned at any time ?

Mr. S. Parthasarathi Aiyangar : No religious procession was banned as such.

President : If a religious procession is also political, it will be banned.

Revision of salaries in the Police Department.

172. ***Mr. A. N. Satyanesan :** Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) which Police Officers have had their salaries enhanced under the recent revision of salaries in the Police Department ; and

(*b*) whether any alterations have been made under the revision in the salaries of Police Inspectors ?

Mr S. Parthasarathi Aiyangar : (*a*) Sub-Inspectors, Head Constables and Constables.

(*b*) No.

Mr. A. N. Satyanesan : പോലീസ് ഇൻസ്പെക്ടറന്മാരുടെ ശമ്പളം പരിഷ്കരിച്ചിട്ട് വളരെക്കാലമായി എന്നറിയാമോ ?

Mr. S. Parthasarathi Aiyangar : ഇല്ല.

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